



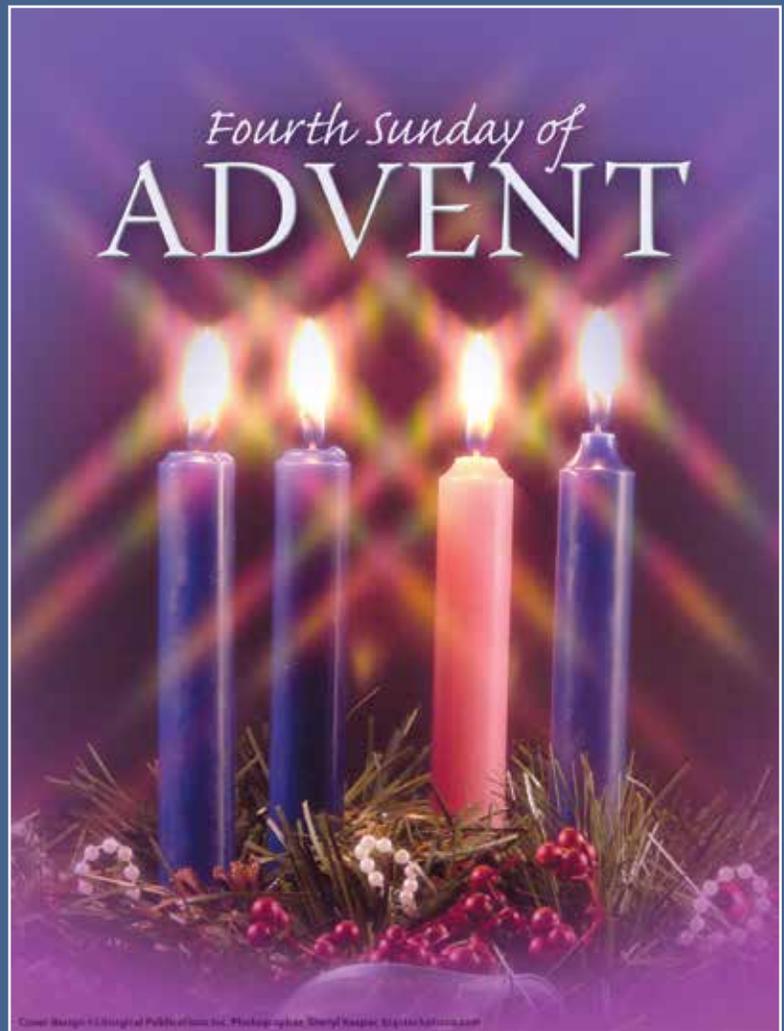
SPRITUAL COMMUNION

WEEK 4 - PEACE

OVERVIEW

On this fourth Sunday of Advent, you will notice that the readings and the prayers of the Mass made an abrupt shift from preparing for the second coming of Christ to the birth of Christ in history.

- This Sunday, the gospel reading recounts the story of the Annunciation (Luke 1: 26-38)
- The weekday gospel readings of late Advent continue the narrative with the story of the Visitation, and conclude with the birth and naming of John the Baptist (Luke 1: 39-79)
- According to legend, Advent dissolves and Christmas arrives when the first star appears in the evening sky on Christmas Eve!



*“Let the peace of Christ
rule in your hearts.”*

~ Colossians 3:15

REFLECTION QUESTIONS



If you're feeling a bit crabby and out-of-sorts, it could be because these are the shortest, darkest days of the year! With this in mind, and being mindful of the state of the world today, do you take comfort in the following quotes from the scripture readings for this week?

- "Do not be afraid."
- "Nothing is impossible with God."
- "The promises of the Lord I will sing forever."
- "See, the winter is past."
- "The Lord, your God, is in your midst."
- "Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my savior."

1. Do you think it's any coincidence that we hear such comforting words at this time of year?
2. Since these passages are proclaimed every year at this time, what does this say about the state of the world in any age—is the world really any more troubled today than any other year?

FAMILY FOCUS



Christmas cards should be pouring in about now!! As you receive and open each card, say a prayer for the sender that they may find peace in this hectic, UN-peaceful upcoming week!!



WEEKLY CHALLENGE

The word peace is defined as an "absence of conflict". At this time of year, it is appropriate to reach out to someone, maybe a family member, an old acquaintance, or coworker with whom you've had a falling-out.

Make an effort to resolve this conflict and bring—to BOTH of you—some true peace!

WATCH

Visit: triparishfaithformation.org or the Youtube channel, Christ King Catholic Parish and School, to watch this week's companion video as well as the full *Advent Spiritual Communion* series.